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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMB JOVA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MX

SUBJ: DATE OF VISIT BY LOPEZ PORTILLO

1. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE PRECISE DATES OR LET ALONE A PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR THE JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO VISIT TO PRESIDENT FORD IS HOURLY BECOME MORE EMBARRASSING. I RECOGNIZED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN AWAY AND THAT THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF ENGAGED ON OTHER MATTERS, BUT I URGE THAT WE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS BEFORE WE SEEM TO BE IMPOLITE OR DISINTERESTED IN THE VISIT.

2. I AM GOING TO HAVE LUNCH ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 3, WITH JULIO MOCTEZUMA CID, WHO IS LOPEZ PORTILLO'S PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE AIDE. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO GIVE HIM FIRM DATES FOR THE VISIT AT THAT TIME. THIS LUNCH WOULD ALSO PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE ANY OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT NOT COVERED IN MY PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH LOPEZ PORTILLO HIMSELF.
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